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FRANKIE LAWS IN BAD SHAPE

Complications in Case of
Boy Who Was Shot
Tuesday, Serious.

SHOOTER IS KNOWN

Said To Be Ziemke Bolanski, Who
Has Been in Hiding Since
the Incident.

Frank Laws, the nine-year-old boy who was shot in the thigh Tuesday during a clash between the Hammond boys and the boys of West Hammond, is said to be in a precarious condition this morning. The sisters at St. Margaret's hospital admitted that they could predict with no degree of certainty what the outcome will be. The child's case is complicated because of a severe cold he has contracted and which at least will greatly retard his progress toward recovery. The cold from which the patient is suffering had developed before his admission to the hospital and Frank is now threatened with pneumonia.

Culprit Is Known.
In the meantime the identity of the Polish boy who did the shooting has been learned. He is said to be Ziemke Bolanski, who lives with his parents at 18th street. Bolanski, the police say, has been missing since the occasion of the shooting. The fact that the parents of Ziemke are not apparently worried about the fact of the child's disappearance, lead the officers to the conclusion that he is not far away, or if in hiding at a distance, they believe the parents know of his whereabouts. The father is employed at Indiana Harbor.

The police are still watching for the young culprit, who they believe may be in Michigan where an uncle lives. The officers have searched the premises of the elder Bolanski's and found no trace of the missing youngster. Officer Johnston said this morning that he had talked with the boy's mother and that she did not seem in the least worried about her son. She denied that he was the guilty one and said he was in school when the trouble occurred. Officer Johnston says, however, that the shooting took place during the noon hour and that the boys of both warring factions were skating when an argument came up. This led to the shooting and he declared there is no doubt that Bolanski fired the shot that struck young Laws.

Community Aroused.
The Polish community in whose vicinity the shooting occurred are more wrought up over the affair than are the Hammond people. While the boy who did the damage in this instance is one of their own number, they claim the usual aggressors are the boys from across the state line, who start some "visit" whenever they pay the vicinity. They threaten to interest the Polish Alliance in the matter, even if their own have to suffer along with the boys from the aristocratic section whence the tattle-tales hail. They say the latter are in the habit of taunting them on their way to church, even, and the priests of the Polish Catholic church have, it is alleged, had cause to complain of the conduct of the Hammond contingent. If the Alliance takes cognizance of the trouble, it is probable there will be an effort made to prosecute every boy who is found to have been guilty of carrying fire-arms, both Poles and otherwise.

SUFFERING FROM BLOOD POISON.

George Olsen of Hegewisch was brought to St. Margaret's hospital yesterday afternoon having an operation performed on his foot. Mr. Olsen has been having trouble with his foot for some time and it has caused him a great deal of suffering. The pain growing more severe it was thought best to consult a physician. It was found that blood poison had set in and that an operation would be necessary. Mr. Olsen has many friends in Hegewisch who hope for his speedy recovery.

BANK DIRECTORS MEET.

The regular meeting of the directors of the Indiana Harbor State bank and the First National Bank of East Chicago was held yesterday in the offices of the East Chicago bank and business of a routine nature was transacted.

CONTINUOUS SESSION MAY BE DISCUSSED MONDAY.

Although A. F. Knotts, president of the North Township Bar association, has set no definite time at which to discuss the proposed bill for a continuous session of the Superior court, it is thought that it will be brought up next Monday when the Superior court will convene for the December term. Opening day brings many of the lawyers to Hammond from the three counties interested, which are Lake, Porter and La Porte, and the occasion is thought to be a good one at which to take up the matter.

PORTER COUNTY RICH IN OIL

Purchase of Acreage by
Standard People Leads
to Supposition.

LAND NEAR CRISMAN

\$60,000 Paid For Sixty Acres After
Making Drilling Tests—Sale
Causes Excitement.

Have the officials of the Standard Oil company discovered that Porter county is rich in oil? Upon several occasions there have been rumors that evidences of oil have been found both there and in Lake, but these have all been hushed up as fast as they took form and nothing more has been heard of them.

The latest news in regard to the matter comes in the form of a purchase within the past few days of sixty acres near Crisman, Ind., by the Standard Oil company from Mrs. Dombey of Hobart, for \$60,000. It is claimed that previous to the purchase the Standard people drilled all over the place and that their discoveries in the way of oil, warranted the excessive price paid for the acreage.

That \$60,000 is an exorbitant price for land in the vicinity there is no doubt and this indication that the Standard Oil company has discovered oil in considerable quantities in the neighborhood, has caused a great deal of excitement in this portion of Porter county.

STUDY UP OLD WAY INSTEAD OF MAKING REFORM

Committee Appointed in Porter County
to Look After Pupils' Spelling
Ability—Lake County Teachers Say
Plan is Good Here.

A committee has been appointed by the Porter county high school association to investigate the spelling ability of the pupils in the county.

Lake county teachers who are in touch with school affairs in the neighboring county say that it is a wise plan and that it should be followed in this county. In Porter county the committee is composed of:

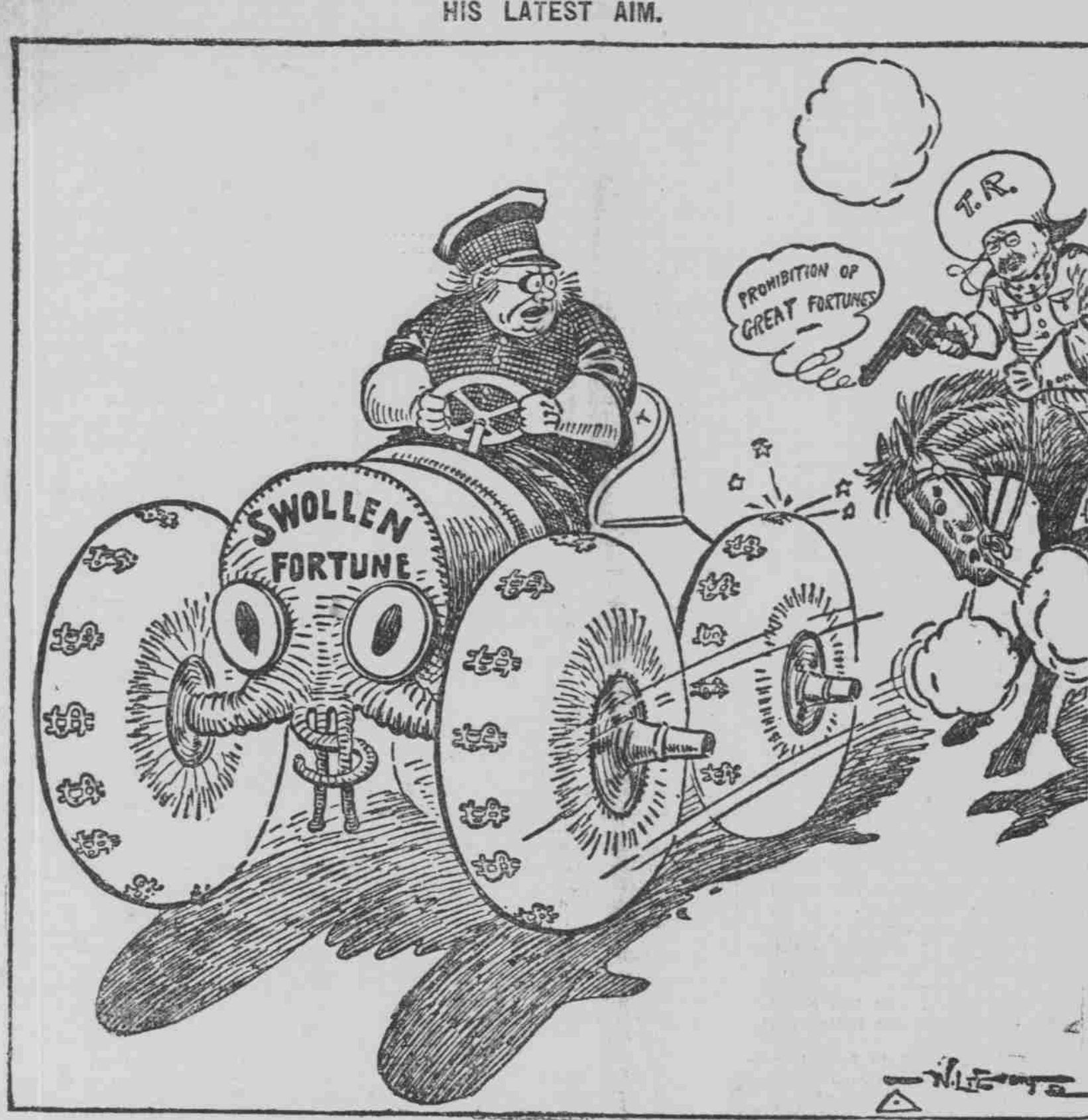
Prof. A. A. Hughart, C. H. Rantz and J. M. Lentz. They discovered that spelling has been somewhat neglected in the public schools throughout the county, notwithstanding the argument put up by a young school girl in her teens, who said: "Why isn't it just as good to taste to spell k-i-s-s-e-d? It doesn't change the taste, and shortening the spelling doesn't shorten the kiss." But, nevertheless, the committee has rendered its verdict and the spelling will be more carefully looked after in the various public schools throughout Porter county in the future. County Superintendent S. C. Ferrell heartily indorses the recommendations and encourages the teachers in the county to give it their earnest support.

SLEEPS BESIDE WIFE'S CORPSE.

After waking Monday morning and finding his wife dead at his side, Herman Wagner of South Bend called a doctor, and while the latter was looking for Coroner Holtzendorf, crawled into bed and slept five hours beside the corpse.

"BOX CAR SLIM" TO PRISON.

James Varner of South Chicago, better known as "Box Car Slim" was given an indefinite prison sentence yesterday in Judge Plinkney's court. Varner was at the head of a gang that has caused the Lake Shore railroad no end of trouble by breaking into their freight cars. His arrest was made several months ago but since then little trouble of this nature has been reported by the company.



—Cleveland Leader.

DUNSTON SITUATION GIVEN NEW TURN

Gossip Declares Settlement
Effected—Wife Denies
There's Any Change.

Hardly a day passes but what gossip gives the Dunston domestic situation a new turn. The strange part of it all is that it is always news to both Mr. and Mrs. Dunston. Whatever the status of affairs is at the present time it is now the understanding that the former assistant teller in the Lake County Saving and Trust company will occupy his position there again in the near future.

If divorce proceedings will be filed in the superior court they will not come up during the next session, and neither party will state definitely whether proceedings will be brought at all.

The understanding yesterday in circles including relatives, was that Mr. and Mrs. Dunston had come to a final settlement in which the wife was to receive \$750 and leave Hammond forever. The report went on to state that she at first wanted \$1,500 and when this sum was refused her she was willing to compromise on a \$1,000 basis.

Mrs. Dunston denied all the reports emphatically this morning. "A settlement of no kind has been made between us and things are as they were two weeks ago. I am waiting for Mr. Dunston."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PREPARING FOR STAG SUPPER

Only Game Killed by Members Own
Hands Will Be Permitted—Local
Knights May Attend.

Valparaiso, Ind., Dec. 19.—Each New Year's eve the Knights of Columbus of this city have a "stag" supper at which the principal dish is game killed by the members' own hands. No other kind will go; no purchased game will go; it must be secured by the knights themselves. Consequently there is a lot of hunting done by the members of this lodge during the last few days of the year. This time the knights expect their tables to groan under the weight of toothsome meat, for no less a hunter than Attorney D. E. Kelly has been appointed to captain one of the bands of Porter county with guns, ferrets and dogs. Opposed to him as captain of the other band, will be that veteran hunter, P. W. Clifford. Mr. Kelly has often delighted his brother K. C.'s with accounts of his thrilling experiences in his successful quests for wild animals, big and little, out west. To test his ability with the gun he was, without solicitation on his

part, appointed to captain one of the hunting parties this year. Should his marksmanship be in keeping with his former performances a day will be required to bring the fruits of the hunt to town.

His friends are wondering if he will "make good."



Observations
of
Artie.

"When I hear about how the property owners are sending petitions to the city council for dry districts, I can hardly believe it," said Artie. "I feel like saying: 'Hammond, old boy, can it be possible that you are getting on the water wagon after all of these years? Have you at last arrived at a sensible age? Your saloons, one to every twenty-five people, were once your greatest claim to renown. Are your wild oats all sown my boy, and have you settled down to business before marrying East Chicago? Stick to it, old man. We've always known that you meant well and we still believe you will turn out all right. They was a time when a Schlitz trade mark would have made a good city seal, but the prohibitionists are getting the best of us now and we will have to be changed to the picture of a cupid. On account of the marriage mill, you know.'"

Rain or snow tonight; minimum temperature about 30 degrees; Friday probably clearing and colder.

DEATH OF HAMMOND YOUNG MAN.

News was received Tuesday evening in Hammond of the death of Frank Brunner in La Salle, Ill. Brunner is a Hammond boy and was employed as traveling salesman for the G. H. Hammond company. His death was caused by pneumonia. The remains were brought to Hammond yesterday afternoon.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DOES BUSINESS.

At the session of the board of public works yesterday morning Herman Berlin was appointed inspector for the Kane avenue local sewer.

The Fort Wayne railroad was ordered to place a light at its crossing in Calumet avenue and Hoffman street. In addition to this the weekly bills were passed upon.

The hearing of the remonstrances for the vacation of Forsyth avenue in the Gibson yards was set for next Friday morning, at the last Monday session.

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WORKED SPELLS ON WHITING FOLK

People of Oil Town Recol-
lect Billik and His
Strange Practices.

The Vrsal-Billik murder mystery of Chicago, which is at present stirring the country, has been given local interest with the information that Herman Billik, the hypnotist, was a former Whiting resident. Now that he has sprung up in uneasy connection with the death of the members of the Vrsal family, it is recollected that he was playing his trade as a charmer, palm reader and hypnotist in Whiting about eight years ago and although he was doing a rushing business he pulled stakes one night and was never seen again. At the time he had an office in John street, near the opera house.

John Vacha of Robertsdale, who is an employee of the Standard Oil company at Whiting, knows Billik personally, having met him before in Cleveland. Both are Bohemians.

A story that is not widely known, but with which Billik is supposed to have been connected is the breaking up of an engagement between a young Whiting man and a widow. The mother of the young man objected to the engagement and all her efforts to break it up being in vain she went to Billik, clairvoyant. He promised to do the deed for the sum of three dollars. To make his charm effective, however, he said that it was necessary for him to have one of the young man's socks and his handkerchief, and that furthermore permission be given him to enter the home of the young man while everybody in the family was asleep. Any thing to break up the engagement was consented to by the mother, although without her son's knowledge. The sock, handkerchief and permission were readily given and whatever Billik may or may not have done, it is known that the young man and widow broke up their engagement shortly after Billik's midnight visit.

HEARING DEFERRED.

War Department Will Not Listen to
Arguments in Favor of Calumet
Drainage Until Jan. 10.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The hearing which was to have been held at the war department today at the request of Senators Cullom of Illinois and President McCormick of the Chicago Drainage district has been postponed until after Jan. 10. The hearing was for the purpose of presenting testimony to show why the waters of Lake Michigan should be diverted into the Calumet river, which, it is claimed, would give sewerage to thousands of people. Secretary Taft has informed Senator Cullom that it will be impossible for him to take up any new questions before Jan. 10, and he will set a date for the hearing as soon as possible.

Read THE LAKE COUNTY TIMES for latest news of Calumet district.

REAL CAUSE OF DELAY LEARNED

The Hundred Who Waited
in Vain for 1:08 Now
Know Why.

TRAIN IN COLLISION

Number of Hammondites Injured By
Jar and Flying Glass—Accident
On Way Out.

The hundred or more Hammond people who were waiting for the 1:08 Nickel Plate yesterday afternoon to take them to Chicago to do their Christmas shopping did not learn until this morning what really caused the delay of an hour and a half on the suburban road as most of them preferred to go in on the Michigan Central after they learned that the Nickel Plate suburban was late.

The 1:08 yesterday was delayed in a collision with a big Santa Fe engine, drawing some C. & E. I. coaches near Twelfth street on its way out to Hammond. Passengers from one end of the Nickel Plate train was shaken up and some of them injured, among them several Hammond people. Those of Hammond who were on the train at the time are: Mrs. Henry Huber, Miss Rose Kolb, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hoshier and Arthur Schutz. G. H. Whiteman, the claim agent of the railroad company, was in Hammond this morning to make settlements with the people. These were easily secured.

Word was received from Whiting that Mrs. Fred Washlefski was also among the passengers on the train. Mrs. Huber was probably the greatest loser and sufferer from the collision. By falling in her seat she was bruised and an expensive cut-glass bowl that she had just bought in Chicago was broken. Several men were injured by flying glass from the window panes. The conductor, a big heavy set man, was thrown off his feet. Mrs. E. A. Brown of Chicago, was thrown into hysterics.

The Hammond passengers explained the sensation as similar to those that the suburban passengers experience daily when going in and out of Chicago. It was the usual jerk, start and stop only very much emphasized.

BRENOCK TO SELL HIS HESSVILLE FARM.

Aged Sportsman Thinks He Is Too
Old to Continue Breeding Race
Horses.

John Brenock of Chicago has offered his 200 acre stock farm near Hessville, with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging for sale.

It is the old Owsley farm and it came into Mr. Brenock's possession fifteen years ago. At that time he was deeply interested in racing, both trotting and running and was one of the heavy stockholders in the Hawthorne track. He afterwards became interested in the tracks about Roby more for his love for the continuance of the sport that desire for profit.

He was affluent in those days and he is not poor now. He stocked his Hessville farm with thoroughbreds and went in for breeding on a small scale. Some of the stock including St. Brandon, son of St. Blaine's, winner of the English derby, is still there but Mr. Brenock is not paying much attention to it and is not trying to produce anything in the way of speed.

"I'm getting too old for that now," said the old gentleman in Hammond this morning. "I want to get rid of the farm and gather my belongings close about me. I understand that the farm is in or close to the boom belt and is worth more for ordinary farming, factory sites or subdivisions than for raising race horses, the way race horses are going now. I have no use for it at any rate. If I was twenty years younger I wouldn't think of parting with it."

"I have been asked by Hammond real estate dealers for an option on it but I have not as yet named a figure. I know what I paid for it and I had a lot of fun out of it but I have no definite idea of its present value. I will sell or give away the horses and brood mares before I sell the farm."

GIBSON YARDS NOW FINISHED

Gigantic Project Will Be
Turned Over to Opera-
tors Tonight.

ITS RANK NOW THIRD

Simplex and Conkey Plants Only
Local Industries of Greater
Magnitude.

Today the Gibson yards, the million dollar project of the Chicago, Indiana & Southern railroad, was completed and the engineers will turn them over to the traffic department of the road tonight.

Railroad men in Hammond and in fact all over the west are interested in these yards which are not only the most modern in the vicinity of Chicago but are among the largest in the west. The gravity system of classifying cars and assembling trains is used and is to facilitate this work wonderfully. There are yards for receiving cars from the east and for classifying them when they are west bound and vice versa and by a peculiar arrangement it is possible to interchange the cars from east bound yards to west bound yards and send them back in the direction from which they came.

The yards have a capacity of 2,500 cars a day and a total track of 35 miles. More Room at Gibson.

Originally the yards and shops were located at Indiana Harbor but the growing importance of the road demanded that they be increased in size and so the site at Gibson was selected. The shops and roundhouse have been thoroughly equipped with the most up-to-date machinery and have been constructed of the best available material. The roundhouse is to have a capacity of twenty-five engines. There will be 250 men employed in the shops and about 300 in the yards in addition to the engineers and firemen all of whom are well paid and a desirable class of citizens. As an industry the Gibson yards will rank third, in Hammond with the Conkey plant and the Simplex the only concerns that employ more men.

The magnitude of the work may be appreciated when it is known that over half a million cubic yards of sand have been used to fill in and from 600 to 1400 men have been employed in the work of construction and yet the work has required only about six months to complete.

Besides the yards and shops, a large office building has been built and the road has subscribed enough for a splendid Y. M. C. A. building. The project was planned and executed by Frank Beckwith, the general superintendent of the road who recently resigned and went west for the Northern Pacific. He has been succeeded by A. J. Hays. Frank Stewart will have charge of the yards and J. T. Plazin will be in charge of the shops from now on.

SCALP ALMOST TORN OFF.

William Huck Jumps From Train and
Meets With Painful Accident.

William Huck was severely injured Tuesday night while coming from Hegewisch to Hammond. Huck, who is employed by the Western Steel Car and Foundry company at Hegewisch boarded the Erie train that arrives in Hammond at 6:55. As the train passes the state line it usually slack a bit and Huck is in the habit of taking advantage of the temporary low rate of speed, to jump off. On this occasion he followed his custom and as he started to jump he stumbled and fell, striking his head upon the ties and rails. His scalp was nearly torn from his head, and for some time he lay beside the track unconscious. When he regained his senses, although weakened from the loss of blood and suffering great pain, he managed to make his way on foot to his home, 115 Hanover street. When he reached the house he was in a very exhausted condition. A physician was summoned and it was found necessary to take ten stitches in the scalp.

Reports today are to the effect that the young man is improving but it will be some time before he will be able to work again.

BENEFIT TO ADVERTISES

Advertisers in THE LAKE COUNTY TIMES yesterday had the benefit of 5,000 extra circulation over and above the guaranteed number of 6,000. Those 5,000 extra copies of the paper are being distributed by the university of Valparaiso, an institution that carries the torch of enlightenment among the masses as well as the classes. This in itself is sufficient assurance that they will not fail by the wayside but reach the hands of intelligent and discriminating people throughout this and adjoining states.